GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2675
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005
RICE PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target set for procurement of rice, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government for increasing procurement of rice in the State and creating necessary infrastructure for storage;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No target is set for procurement of rice to the States. However, a statement indicating State-wise estimate of procurement of rice is enclosed at Annexure.

(b), (c) & (d): The Government of Karnataka has opted for procurement of rice/paddy under the decentralized scheme of procurement. For this purpose, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and Government of Karnataka has been executed on 23.2.2005.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2675 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.3.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(In lakh tonnes)

State	Procurement		
	Paddy Levy	Rice	Estimated Procurement (In terms of rice)
Madhya Pradesh	2.00	1.00	2.00
Chhattisgarh	25.00	5.00	22.00
Bihar	9.00	-	6.00
West Bengal	5.00	7.00	10.00
Maharashtra	2.00	2.00	3.00
Punjab	93.00	20.00	82.00
Haryana	9.00	6.00	12.00
U.P.	9.00	14.00	20.00
Orissa	3.00	11.00	13.00
Utaranchal	-	3.00	3.00
Andhra Pradesh	5.00	42.00	45.00
Tamil Nadu	8.00	-	5.00
Others	3.00	-	2.00
Total	173.00	111.00	225.00